

REMARKS

Claims 16-20 are pending in the application. Claims 16-19 have been cancelled and claim 20 has been amended, and a clean copy submitted herewith. Reconsideration of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

On or about April 8, 2004, amendments were discussed with the Examiner over the telephone to place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claim 20 has been amended and it is believed that claim 20 as presently amended is now in condition for allowance. Also indicated to the Examiner was that support for the nutrient base 710-140 recited in the claims could be found at page 12 and at Table 6 in the specification.

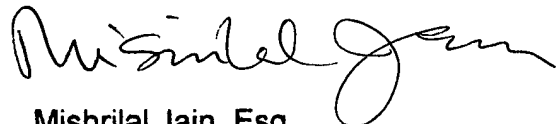
In the Office action of March 9, 2004, it was indicated by the Examiner that Claims 19-20 are free of the art of record and claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the pending independent claim 20 has now been amended to reflect what claim 19 would have been if amended as suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance of amended claim 20 is respectfully requested.

A terminal disclaimer to avoid double patenting is submitted herewith as indicated by the Examiner in the Office action.

In light of the above, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable action accordingly is earnestly solicited.

Should there still remain any outstanding issues, a phone call from the Examiner to discuss the same shall be much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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